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¶1. (SBU) Doug Rubbra, Senior Trade Policy Officer, Multilateral Market Access, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade explained that the GOC initially opposed the U.S. sponsored proposal advocating for increased transparency in export licensing. However, according to Rubbra the proposal is no longer as "potent" and Canada will now consider co-sponsoring the proposal.

¶2. (SBU) Rubbra commented that because of (unspecified) problems with China, Canada likes the idea of increasing transparency in export licensing. However, he said that it is not a top priority and the GOC is not sure if the Canadian Federal Government has the authority required to mandate that the Provinces abide by the agreement.

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